GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5170
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2000
ACQUISITION OF ANTI-TANK GUIDED MISSILES BY CHINA
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the press report appeared in the `Hindustan Times` dated March 19, 2000, that China has covertly tried to buy one of US Army`s most effective weapons, the Hell Fire anti-tank guided missile from Egypt;

(b) if so, the salient features of this missile; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to raise matching defence force to ensure peace and security in the region?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5170 F
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Government are aware of the news-item in The Hindustan Times of 19th March, 2000 relating to the reported Chinese attempt to buy Hell Fire anti-tank guided missile of the U.S. Army from Egypt.

2. All developments having a bearing on our national security are regularly assessed and monitored. Necessary measures are taken to maintain appropriate defence preparedness.